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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits of the case, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

In the Title:

~~A CATALYST COMPOSITION AND~~ A METHOD FOR ISOMERIZING
HALOGENATED AROMATICS

On Page 5, Third Paragraph:

Moreover, the inventors investigated on the method for isomerizing halogenated aromatics, and as a result, found that if halogenated aromatics with a dissolved oxygen content of 15 wt ppm or less are used, the deactivation of the zeolite-containing catalyst can be inhibited, to prolong the life of the catalyst, for allowing efficient isomerization of halogenated aromatics.